



## Micaiah: When Telling the Truth Has a Cost 1 Kings 22:1-17, 23, 26-28 Truth to Power (Part 7)

### THE BIG IDEA

As the people of God, we are called to seek God's will, rather than our own, and speak God's truth, even when it has a cost.

### OPENING

- Tell about a time when you faced a situation where telling the truth came at a personal cost.
  - How did you handle it?
  - What was the outcome?
  - If you spoke the truth, how did you find the courage to do so despite possible consequences?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- In 1 Kings 22, the prophet Micaiah is brought before the kings of Israel and Judah, along with the 400 royal prophets.
  - How do you think Micaiah felt when he stood before them?
  - What do you think gave Micaiah the strength to speak the truth despite the potential repercussions?
- The story of Micaiah facing off against 400 false prophets is similar to that of the prophet Elijah facing 450 false prophets (1 Kings 18). But while the true prophet was easy to discern in Elijah's story, the truth is more difficult to discern in 1 Kings 22. Why is that? What similarities and differences do you see in these two stories?
- What role does time play in revealing truth and falsehood, according to 1 Kings 22? Have you ever thought about time revealing truth and falsehood? Have you seen this in your own life?
- Pastor Kate references the story of Nelson Mandela as a more modern example of speaking truth to power, and time revealing truth from falsehood.
  - How familiar are you with the story of Nelson Mandela?
  - Compare and contrast Micaiah's situation with that of Nelson Mandela. What similarities and differences do you see?

- Read John 14:1-7. As the people of God, we believe that truth is more than a philosophical idea, but a person. How does this make you feel? How does it affect your view of “truth” to think about it as a person?

## **PUTTING IT TO WORK**

- In what ways can we discern truth from falsehood in today's world when many voices claim to speak for God or for justice?
- What specific actions can you take to ensure you are seeking and speaking God's truth in your daily life, even when it is difficult?
- How can we support each other in our small group when we face the challenge of speaking truth to power in our own lives?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**